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MEDICAMENT FOR PREVENTING AND/OR TREATING A MAMMARY CARCINOMA, CONTAINING A STEROIDAL AROMATASE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Action dated March 27, 2002, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claim 17-24 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed, on the ground that the Examiner has misread the claims.

The Examiner says that the expression "containing no antigestagens and a substance for promoting skin penetration" renders the claims indefinite as to the compounds encompassed by